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### **DWR Releases Draft Proposal Solicitation Package for 2008 Water Use Efficiency Grants Public Workshops Scheduled**

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released its Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for the 2008 Water Use Efficiency Program. This grant program implements Chapter 7(g) of Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002. Originally a \$35.3 million program, the 2008 funding may receive an additional \$3 million from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a total grant fund of \$38.3 million.

The Draft PSP is available online at: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>.

DWR will conduct five public workshops to present information on the 2008 Draft PSP, the application process through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), eligibility requirements related to Urban Water Management Planning and AB 1420, and to obtain public comments and input. Any written comments must be received by mail or e-mail by 5 p.m., March 4, 2008, as described in the PSP.

<b>Fresno</b>	February 6, 2008 10 a.m. - noon	San Joaquin District Office, Dept. of Water Resources, 3374 East Shields Ave. Fresno, CA 93726
<b>Los Angeles</b>	February 7, 2008 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Conference Room1-102, Metropolitan Water District Union Station Headquarters, 700 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
<b>Oakland</b>	February 20, 2008 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.	Training Resource Center, East Bay MUD, Adeline Maintenance Center Admin. Building, 1100 21 <sup>st</sup> St., Oakland, CA 94607
<b>Sacramento</b>	February 21, 2008 10 a.m. - noon	Auditorium, Dept. of Water Resources, Resources Building 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA 95814
<b>Modesto</b>	February 22, 2008 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Modesto Irrigation District, 1231 Eleventh St., Modesto, CA 95352

AB 1420 (Laird) enacted in 2007 establishes new requirements for grant eligibility. In general, to receive a grant an urban water supplier must be implementing certain water conservation measures. Details are in the PSP.

Following completion of the public process, DWR will release the Final 2008 Prop 50 Water Use Efficiency PSP. This will be a two-step process. Starting with Step 1, applicants are encouraged to submit concept proposals online. If a concept proposal meets specific review and evaluation criteria and eligibility requirements set in the PSP, then in Step 2, the applicants will be invited to submit detailed full proposals for further review and evaluation and funding consideration on a competitive basis. The 2008 Prop 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant Program may have additional funds from United States Bureau of Reclamation.

For detailed information on the application process and timelines, see "Draft PSP" on the above listed web site.

Cities, counties, joint power authorities, public water districts, tribes, non-profit organizations (including watershed management groups), other political subdivisions of the State, regulated investor-owned utilities, incorporated mutual water companies, universities and colleges, and State and federal agencies are eligible applicants and encouraged to attend.

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